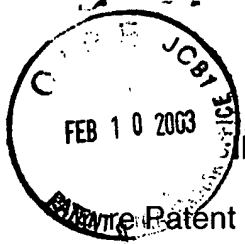


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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants respectfully submit documents for the Examiner's consideration. A copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of each of the listed documents are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the enclosed references and that the Examiner indicate that the references have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

Notification of Related Co-Pending Applications

Further, Applicants wish to notify the Patent Office that the instant application is also related to co-pending application Serial Nos. 09/684,926 (Attorney Docket No. 52493.000100), 09/688,144 (Attorney Docket No. 52493.000057) and 09/694,287 (Attorney Docket No. 52493.000130), filed October 10, 2000, October 16, 2000 and October 24, 2000, respectively, since the aforementioned co-pending applications are all continuation applications of the instant application.



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STATEMENT

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits; therefore, it is believed that no fees are required in connection therewith. However, the undersigned hereby states under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2) that no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was known to any individual associated with the filing and prosecution of the above-identified patent application more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. It is respectfully submitted that the references cited herein were first known to Applicants as a result of an Office Action issued in co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/684,926 (Attorney Docket No. 52493.000100) dated November 19, 2002. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the prospective due date for filing this Information Disclosure Statement stands at February 19, 2003. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed and therefore, no fee is believed necessary. However, if there is a discrepancy or if it is determined otherwise, the Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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